

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

At page 11, in line 1, cancel "Claims" and substitute

**--I CLAIM AS MY INVENTION:--** therefor.

5           Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Method for reducing the carbon dioxide content in a dead volume in an apparatus designed to be connected to the respiratory system of a patient, ~~which method includes~~ comprising the steps of

10           ~~generate~~ generating a flow of gas from an outlet associated with the dead volume[[.]];

~~lead~~ conducting the gas through an absorber for carbon dioxide[[.]]; and

15           ~~return~~ returning the gas ~~which~~ that passed the absorber to an inlet associated with the dead volume.

Claim 2 has been amended as follows:

2. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that generation of~~ comprising continuously generating the gas flow is continuous.

20           Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

3. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~one of claims 1 or 2,~~ characterized in that the generated claim 1 comprising conducting the gas flow ~~past~~ also passes a gas monitor for at least one of qualitative ~~and/or~~ and qualitative determination of a partial component in the gas.

25           Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

4. (Currently Amended) Device (~~2; 2A; 30~~) for reducing the carbon dioxide content in a dead volume in an apparatus ~~intended~~ adapted to be connected to the respiratory pathway of a patient, comprising ~~including~~ a flow

generator (14; 32) for generating a flow of gas from an outlet (46) associated with the dead volume to an inlet (24) associated with the dead volume, and an absorber (20; 38) for carbon dioxide arranged in ~~series~~ series with the flow generator (14; 32) for absorption of carbon dioxide out of the flow of gas[[:]].

5            Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising a gas monitor (36) ~~is connected in series with the flow generator (32) and the absorber (38) for~~ at least one of qualitative and/or and quantitative determination of a partial component in the gas.

10           Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

6. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 4 ~~or 5, characterized in that~~ comprising a gas conditioner (40) ~~is connected in series with the flow generator (32) and the absorber (38) for~~ conditioning of the flowing gas.

15           Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the gas conditioner ~~consists of~~ is a gasifier for liquid anesthetic.

Claim 8 has been amended as follows:

20           8. (Currently Amended) An anesthesia apparatus (46) ~~containing~~ comprising a reflector (54) for adsorption and desorption of anesthetic arranged between a first end (50) in gaseous connection with a ventilator and a second end (52) in gaseous connection with the respiratory system of a patient, ~~characterized in that~~ and an outlet (62) ~~is arranged between the first end (50) and the reflector (54), an outlet (74) is arranged between the second~~  
25           end (52) and the reflector (54), a flow generator (60) for generating a flow of gas from the outlet (62) to the inlet (74) and an carbon dioxide absorber (68) arranged in series with the flow generator (60) for absorption of carbon dioxide out of the flow of gas.